

SUMMARY OF DAY'S NEWS

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Virginia—Partly cloudy Wednesday; warmer in interior. Thursday fair; light to fresh east to southeast winds.

North, Carolina—Partly cloudy Wednesday; showers in east and south portions. Thursday probably fair; light to fresh east winds.

The temperature yesterday was slightly higher, but the weather was by no means uncomfortable. For to-day overcast and warmer in the interior are the indications. Fair weather is looked for to-morrow.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

9 A. M.	74
12 M.	79
3 P. M.	82
6 P. M.	79
9 P. M.	76
12 midnight	75
Average	77½

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sun rises.....5:58	HIGH TIDE.....1:00
Moon sets.....1:43	Morning.....1:00
	Evening.....1:35

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Virginia. The oyster investigating committee pay a visit to Back River—Lane Brothers of Scottsville, awarded contract for widening and deepening the upper Appomattox Canal at Petersburg for the Passenger and Power Company—Negro captured in Petersburg boldest freight car robber.

North Carolina. Fifty people made ill and one dead from eating ice cream at Roanoke Rapids; a mill had to be shut down on account of it.

General. There was much greater feeling of confidence shown on the Atlantic market than there was yesterday.

Plant Executives Reply to Complaint. NEW HAVEN, CONN., Aug. 18.—The executives of the will of the late Henry Bradley Plant to-day filed in the Probate Court their answer to the application of Charles B. Hoadley and Horace G. Hoadley, of Watertown, for the removal of the executors.

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CHALLENGER WILL HAVE ALLOWANCE

Reliance Has to Concede Nearly Two Minutes.

HAS MUCH LARGER SPREAD OF SAIL

Shamrock Slightly Longer on the Water Line.

THE MEASUREMENTS MADE YESTERDAY

Two Contestants Swing Lazily at Their Moorings Inside Sandy Hook and Are Ready for the First Race for the American Cup, Which Will Be Held on Thursday.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, August 18.—The Reliance and Shamrock III. were measured to-day in the Erie Basin by J. E. Mower, the official measurer of the New York Yacht Club. As the result of his measurements and calculations, it was announced to-night at the yacht club that the Reliance would allow the challenger one minute and forty-five seconds over a thirty mile course.

It was found that the Shamrock III. was slightly longer on the water line than the American boat, but the latter proved to have nearly two thousand more square feet of sail area than the challenger, and it was this enormous sail spread that taxed the American boat so heavily.

WESTERN CHAMPIONS WERE THE SENSATION

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 18.—Ket Clotions and L. H. Weldner, the western double champions, furnished the sensation of the first day of the National Lawn Tennis Tournament on the Casino to-day by winning a straight victory over Holcomb Ward and Leo Byro, the eastern champions.

MINERS BEGIN TO TELL THEIR SIDE

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Aug. 18.—The operators having closed their evidence yesterday afternoon before the Board of Arbitration this morning the miners to-day were W. L. Golsen, a miner from Series, who testified at considerable length with regard to mining at that place. He was put through a critical cross-examination by the attorneys for the operators.

HAS VAN WYCK BEEN TENDERED PRESIDENCY?

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 18.—Friends of Augustus Van Wyck, the Democratic nominee for Governor in 1888, received word here to-day that he had been offered the presidency of the University of Virginia and that he is considering the tender seriously.

HOT AFTER WHISKEY DEALERS IN FARMVILLE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FARMVILLE, VA., Aug. 18.—Twenty-four indictments were brought in by the grand jury in the County Court to-day against parties in Farmville for selling

whiskey without license, and for distributing same contrary to the dispensary act for the town. Sixteen of them are against Mr. T. W. Vaughan, fifteen for selling whiskey without license and one for distributing; three are against Mr. W. Blumhagen, two for distributing and the other for selling; two are against Mr. W. H. Burger for selling whiskey without license, and three against John Mosley (colored) for selling whiskey.

KANSAS RIVER IS SLOWLY RECEDING.

(By Associated Press.) KANSAS CITY, MO., August 18.—The Kansas River here fell about five inches during the night. No further damage has been done. The new low bridge carrying the water mains, the Kansas Avenue bridge, the only remaining public bridge between the two cities and the belt line and the stock yard bridges, in danger yesterday, are still considered safe although the current continues swift. Traffic was stopped for a few hours on the Union Pacific bridge, which was struck by drift wood and wrecked, but it was resumed to-day and the Rock Island and Missouri Pacific bridges are being used.

FIFTY POISONED BY EATING ICE CREAM

(By Associated Press.) COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO., Aug. 18.—More than fifty people, the majority of whom are tourists in this city and Manitou, Colo., from all over the country, have been poisoned from eating ice cream made by local dealers from a consignment of cream received Sunday morning from one of the nearest creameries and delivered in the State, situated near Denver. Analysis by the health officers of Colorado Springs reveals the fact that the cream was charged with formaldehyde to keep it from souring. No deaths have resulted, although several cases are critical. Health Officer Hanford, of this city, states that arrests will be made at once.

ADA COTTON MILLS SOLD UNDER HAMMER

(By Associated Press.) CHARLOTTE, N. C., Aug. 18.—The Ada cotton mills were sold at noon to-day under a court order to satisfy debts aggregating \$200,000 and were purchased by J. H. Weddington, one of the stockholders, for \$22,000. The company was capitalized at \$128,000, and the plant originally cost \$150,000.

MADDEN ACCUSED OF MURDERING MAN

(By Associated Press.) OAXACA CITY, MEX., Aug. 18.—An American miner named Madden, is under arrest here charged with the murder of Dr. D. R. King, owner of several mines in the State of Oaxaca. Dr. King was an American and had been in Mexico about five years. Madden was employed formerly at one of the King mines.

FURNACEMEN TO REDUCE IRON PRICE

(By Associated Press.) OHATTANOOGA, TENN., Aug. 18.—It was given out here to-day that at a secret meeting of the Southern furnacemen, held in Birmingham a few days ago, an agreement was reached to reduce the price of No. 2 foundry iron from \$13.50 to \$13 per ton.

GIRLS IN PANIC OVER EXPLOSION

Stampeded for Stairway and Trampled Upon One Another in Struggle.

(By Associated Press.) BOSTON, MASS., August 18.—The explosion of a tank of gasoline in the basement of a six story block occupied by several manufacturing concerns on Wornwood Street South Boston, to-day caused a fire which, inside of fifty minutes, destroyed every combustible foot of the building, meantime paralyzing a panic, which injured a number of persons.

TRAFFIC OVER MAIN LINE IS BLOCKED

(By Associated Press.) CHARLOTTE, N. C., Aug. 18.—Traffic over the main line of the Southern Railway between Charlotte and Atlanta was interrupted by the washing out of a trestle near Spartanburg, S. C. this morning. The southbound trains are stranded at Spartanburg, and those northbound at points further south. By to-day, and in the meantime trains will likely be routed via Laurens and Greenville over the Charlotte and Western Carolina.

COATES SUCCEEDS AT SUICIDE

Cut His Throat in Rockland County Jail.

WAS WANTED FOR WILLFUL MURDER

Killed Man and Shot Woman Who Entertained Him.

FLED WITH OFFICERS IN CLOSE PURSUIT

Finally Arrested in this City. Coates Made a Confession That He was Wanted in New York—Jumped From the Steamer While Being Taken Back.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NYACK, N. Y., Aug. 18.—Falling to end his life by jumping into the sea from the Old Dominion Liner Monroe, off Sagitt Sunday, Herman T. Coates, the murderer of Louis Hull, committed suicide in the Rockland county jail at New City to-day.

Coates cut his throat and died before a physician could reach him. Coates on November 19th, 1902, went to the house of Louis Hull, a colored coachman of Spring Valley, and remained to supper. Suddenly, without any provocation, he arose from the table and commenced to fire with a pistol at Hull and his wife. He killed Hull with three bullets and wounded the woman. She recovered. Coates made his escape into New Jersey after a hot chase.

No trace of him was discovered until a few weeks ago when he was arrested in Richmond, Va., as a tramp. The authorities were suspicious of him, and after some questioning, he said he was wanted for a crime. He was put through the third degree and confessed to the murder of Hull.

The Rockland county authorities were notified, Coates was extradited, and last week Sheriff Vincent, District Attorney Lee and two officers went to Richmond after him. Coates refused to go with them and jumped into the sea from the Monroe. He was recaptured after a thrilling swim for liberty.

Coates was arrested here as a vagrant, and given ten days in jail. He went under the name of Tom Sheridan, and gave his business as an umbrella mender. After spending several days in jail he insisted on being taken before the Chief of Police, saying his conscience would not let him rest until he had made a confession. He told his story of a murder committed at Spring Valley, N. Y., and inquiry demonstrated that he was telling the truth.

Officers came to take him to the scene of the crime but the latest tidings show that he has escaped human punishment.

FOUR DAYS' FAIR TO BE HELD AT ROANOKE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ROANOKE, VA., Aug. 18.—The Board of Directors of the Roanoke Exposition met to-day and decided to begin celebration to erect the necessary buildings and to hold a fair for four days, beginning on Thursday, and ending on Sunday, October 20th. The track, one of the best held in the State, has been completed.

NEW REGISTRATION AND THE PRIMARY

Matter of Access to the Books Must Be Decided by Judge Witt.

The members of the Democratic City Committee and many Democrats interested in the subject are discussing the question whether the primary for members of the House is to be held under the new registration or under the old registration made prior to last fall or under the new Constitution, Judge Witt of the Hustings Court, who many contend, must give access to the books of the last registration before they can be used, is now about to decide under the new law whether he will grant the use of the books of the last registration.

A member of the committee yesterday expressed the belief that if the committee could secure access to the books without having to copy them, the primary would be held with the reduced, or new registration. He intimated that the committee would hardly go to the trouble of copying the new books, if given an opportunity to do so. The committee has the matter to the candidates, as under the old registration about fifteen thousand voters are enrolled whereas under the new this number is reduced to about nine thousand.

Judge Witt has made no reply to a communication addressed to him by City Chairman Doherty as to whether the new registration books could be secured. The registration books and Finance Committee of the City Committee will meet to-night at Chairman Doherty's office to fix the assessment of candidates, and the question as to registration will probably come up then.

Mr. Herman, having no opposition for the Senate, will, it is understood, not be subject to assessment to defray the expenses of the primary. He will be declared the nominee without the formality of election.

NO DIVIDEND AS YET ON COMMON STOCK

HELD GIRL PRISONER

Negroes In Fortified Camp With Kidnapped Child.

ONE MAN WAS SHOT DEAD

The Girl Escaped During Fight, but a Bloody Encounter is Expected When Attempt is Made to Effect Their Capture.

(By Associated Press.) FORT SMITH, ARK., August 18.—The kidnapping of a young white girl and the killing of one of a posse that tried to rescue her are the crimes charged against a party of eight negroes to-night, fortified on Bruce's Island, sixteen miles west of this city. It is feared their capture will lead to a bloody encounter. The negroes are said to be well armed.

A few days ago two farmers living near Wilson's Rock landed on Bruce's Island in search of plums, and accidentally ran into a camp in which there were two negro men and a white girl about twelve years old. They made some inquiries about the girl, and the negroes said she was a daughter of a white man who was traveling with them, and who had gone to Fort Smith for provisions. The negroes would not let the girl take part in the conversation, and this aroused suspicion.

A watch was kept on the negroes for two days, but no white man appeared. The attitude of the negroes to the whites was decided to investigate the case, and as they neared the island were fired on by the negroes, and one of the party, Roland Bynum, was killed. A sharp fight kept up for some time, during which the girl escaped from the negroes and ran to the white men. She was so excited that she could not give any intelligent account of herself. She said, however, that her father was not traveling with the negroes, but that she had been stolen from her home near Fort Gibson, I. T. She has been taken to Muldrev.

Roland, the dead man, was a comparative stranger at Wilson's Rock. Posses of citizens left to-day for the scene of the trouble from Fort Smith, Springfield, Muldrev and Fort Gibson. There is much excitement around the island. One or two of the negroes are known to be desperate characters.

HUMBERT TRIAL APPROACHING CLOSE.

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, Aug. 18.—The Humbert trial is approaching its close. The latest witnesses were heard to-day and the addresses of counsel were begun. Advocate General Blondel opening for the prosecution. Matthe Labori follows to-morrow. It is expected that the case will reach the jury on Thursday unless the promised revelations of Mme. Humbert cause delay.

Maitre Blondel's address was a severe arraignment of the Humberts and an analysis of the contradictions in her story being that the entire "Crawford" was a tissue of falsehood and invention. Romain d'Aurignac, counsel for Mme. Humbert, getting the name from an English schoolmate, named Henry Robert Crawford, whom Romain met in Argentina.

Later the Humberts elaborated the tale of fraud, Romain, and Emile d'Aurignac impugning the two "Crawfords."

Mme. Humbert will continue her harrowing and renewed her declaration that she would speak after counsel have closed their addresses.

SHOT HIS EMPLOYER; HANGED HIMSELF

Murderer Made a Noose Out of His Suspenders and Hanged Himself in Cell

(By Associated Press.) OSHKOSH, WIS., Aug. 18.—Thomas R. Morgan, the millionaire sash and door manufacturer, was shot to death to-day by Frederick Hampel, a discharged employee. Hampel was overpowered and taken to jail, where he committed suicide later by hanging himself when no one was watching.

Hampel made a noose out of his suspenders, tying the other end to a bar in his cell. Mr. Morgan died on his way to the hospital. The excitement about the Morgan plant was intense, and the news quickly spread over the city.

Mr. Morgan went to his office this morning as usual, and at 10 o'clock was about the grounds. Hampel was not noticed by the manufacturer, but had been seen in the vicinity of the factory, and by some it is said, was under the influence of liquor. The shots were fired from behind, each one entering the victim's back.

After the shooting Mr. Morgan walked unassisted from the scene of the shooting on Fifth Street to his office, corner of Washington and Sixth Streets, and the ambulance was called. The police were notified that a lynching was contemplated, and they took extra precautions to prevent an attack on the jail. The shooting was witnessed by several people.

BOATS WILL BE REPAIRED AT NORFOLK

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Lieutenant-Commander H. Chandler, commanding the torpedo destroyer has sailed from Oyster Bay for Norfolk, where the Decatur and Barry, which collided yesterday, will be repaired.

CHRISTIANS TERRORIZED

The Inhabitants of Uskub Are Afraid to Leave Houses.

BATTLE NEAR MONASTIR

Is Said to Have Raged Six Hours When Turks Were Repulsed With the Loss of Some Two Hundred Men—Reign of Terror.

(By Associated Press.) SOFIA, BULGARIA, August 18.—A fierce battle is reported to have occurred in the neighborhood of Monastir. Three Turkish battalions attacked a thousand insurgents, and after the fight had raged for six hours the Turks were repulsed with the loss of 210 men killed or wounded. The insurgents lost not given.

Reports received here from Constantinople, and believed to be authentic, confirm the previous statements to the effect that where the Turks recaptured Krushovo they slaughtered the entire Christian population without exception, and it is pointed out that among those killed were the employees of the government tobacco establishment, which were under European control, as the proceeds from these establishments were assigned to the service of the Turkish debt.

A reign of terror is reported to prevail at Uskub, where the Christian inhabitants are afraid to leave their homes. The Turkish attitude of the Turkish troops recently was plainly manifested when a trainload of soldiers, shortly after leaving Uskub, fired on the Bulgarian workmen who were repairing the track. Three of the workmen were killed, and their bodies were left lying on the line.

CALEB POWERS IS AGAIN ON STAND

(By Associated Press.) GEORGETOWN, KY., Aug. 18.—Caleb Powers resumed the witness-stand in his own defense to-day on the convening of court. He drifted into argument in his answers, as on yesterday forenoon, and was reprimanded by the Court for doing so. He continued in his denial of all incriminating conversations told by Commonwealth witnesses and adhered closely to the story he first told years ago.

He denied that he ever suggested to Frank Cecil that he secured some one to kill Goebel, or that he ever introduced Cecil to Taylor for any such purpose. He denied that at the time he left Frankfort, he had any knowledge of the shooting. He knew that Goebel was to be assassinated. He said he never conspired with any one to kill Goebel.

The cross-examination of Powers developed little that was new. He heretofore testified to his story told on direct examination.

FORMER NUN DYING AT CITY ALMHOUSE

Mrs. Josephine Andrews, the aged lady at the City Hospital, who states that she ran away from a convent many years ago, and had an eventful career, is very ill, and may not live a great while longer.

Her maiden name was Burnley, and she has a brother at Newport News and a sister at Ocean View. Mrs. Andrews some years ago wrote a story of her leaving the convent, which had a large circulation. She has been an actress and has traveled extensively. She is a good Catholic, and has been recently attending to her spiritual needs by Rev. Father Magri.

Mrs. Andrews has been at the institution for about six years. She is confined to her bed, having fallen some time ago and injured one of her hips.

HOPEFUL FEELING FOR CANAL TREATY

(By Associated Press.) COLON, COLOMIA, August 18.—The statement made in a dispatch from Foreign Minister Rieo to Senator Herran, the Colombian minister at Washington, that which was published here to-day to the effect that the Colombian Congress would probably furnish a basis for a resumption of negotiations with the United States government, has caused a more hopeful feeling in some quarters with regard to the ultimate fate of the treaty. The whole isthmus is anxiously awaiting the future action of the United States.

PRESIDENT WILL NOT SEE FIRST CUP RACE

(By Associated Press.) OYSTER BAY, N. Y., August 18.—It has been announced that the President will not attend the first of the National Hunt races, which are to take place next Thursday. It had been his intention to witness the race from the deck of the yacht "Falcon," but circumstances render it impracticable for him to leave here at that time. It is barely possible that he may attend one of the later races, but as to that no determination has been reached.

DR. FINLEY CLARK IN A DYING CONDITION

(By Associated Press.) SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 18.—Dr. Finley Clark, of the Governors, who was recently prostrated by paralysis, is dying to-night. He is president of one of the leading mineral spring companies. He formerly lived in Georgia, and came here shortly after the Civil War.

But Va.-Carolina Makes Strong Statement.

NEW YORK BANKS ARE THROWN OPEN

Arrangements Are Made by J. Pierpont Morgan.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS STRONGER

Messrs. Stotlesbury and Meldrum Take the Places of Messrs. Chisholm and Dancy—A Finance Committee Is Created—General Impression That Value of Stocks Will Steadily Increase.

(By Associated Press.) The Board of Directors of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company held the regular quarterly meeting in this city yesterday, issued an important statement, announcing a powerful financial arrangement with a syndicate organized by J. P. Morgan & Co., whereby the company may provide itself with sufficient additional cash capital to carry its business over to the fall months. This statement was ordered printed immediately, and sent out to the stockholders everywhere.

Messrs. W. B. Chisholm, of Charleston, S. C., and F. B. Dancy, of Atlanta, retired from the board, and Mr. Edward Stotlesbury, member of the firm of Drexel, Morgan & Co., and Mr. Norman S. Meldrum, president of the Securities Company of New York, were chosen to succeed them.

The company in announcing its new financial arrangement, the expediency of which was explained fully, the board created a Finance Committee, consisting of Mr. Stotlesbury, the new director; Mr. Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway, and Mr. Henry Walters.

The meeting of directors began in the forenoon and continued until 1:30 P. M., when adjournment was had until lunch, resuming after lunch and continuing until after 5 P. M. Absolutely no information was given out until the meeting adjourned, and the printed statement published below was given out. There were present Messrs. J. B. Duke, president of the American Tobacco Company; Sam'l Spencer, president of the Southern Railway, and the two retiring directors, in their stead Messrs. Stotlesbury and Meldrum, the new directors, who were in attendance and participated in the deliberations of the meeting.

The statement given out shows that the business of the company for the year ended June 15, 1903, has increased twenty-six per cent. over the record of the preceding year, and an increase in the production of 10,000 tons of fertilizer. The large increase in business naturally necessitated the use of more capital beyond the period of sales and deliveries. In the unusual financial situation existing this year the usual course of discounting the company's bills, receivable, became impracticable, whereupon the company negotiated a strong financial arrangement, whereby it might more easily carry its business over to the fall months. A syndicate was organized by J. P. Morgan & Co., embracing the most powerful bankers in the country, to advance to the company during the next year ample money for all its needs.

The Finance Committee created in pursuance of this plan is composed of three brilliant financiers connected with the most powerful financial institutions in the United States.

There were present at the meeting President S. T. Morgan, Secretary S. D. Crenshaw and Treasurer B. W. Travers; Messrs. E. B. Addison, L. A. Cary, A. J. Ellerson, Henry Walters, Postquam Whittle, and Messrs. Stotlesbury and Meldrum.

Statement in Full. Here is the statement in full, sent out by the company to the stockholders throughout the country:

To the Stockholders of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company: Your Board of Directors desire to say that for the year ending June 15, 1903, the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company actually sold and delivered 82,000 tons of fertilizer, being an increase of twenty-six per cent. over its business of the preceding year. In addition to this they manufactured 100,000 tons more of completed fertilizer, which they were unable to deliver because the railroads could not furnish transportation. This large increase in business necessarily involved the use of more capital during the period between the sale and delivery of the fertilizer and the payment thereof by customers.

This additional capital has heretofore been easily obtained through the discounting of the company's bills receivable, of which on July 15, 1903, the company had on hand over \$5,000,000, averaging about \$1,000 each, and over \$2,000,000 of accounts receivable, convertible into bills. These bills have always been considered the choicest paper issued in the South, and, as such, have been readily available for current funds. In the unusual financial situation which existed this year this course of business became impracticable, and it was accordingly necessary that your company should provide itself with sufficient additional cash capital to carry its business over to the fall months, when its bills receivable are collected.

Morgan's Syndicate. Your company, therefore, applied to Messrs. J. P. Morgan and Company, of New York, who have organized a syndicate including Messrs. Blair and Com-